Recommendation of CCFS on safety standards of packaged food and water

1146. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of central Committee for food standards on safety standards for packaged food/packaged water;

(b) whether they have been fully implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS) advise the Central Government and the State Governments on matters related to the implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 including setting of standards. The recommendations of this Committee are advisory in nature. However, the Central Government has accepted almost all of its recommendations except in few instances which have been referred to the Committee for re-examination in the light of latest technical development and such cases also are considered by Government as and when received from the Committee after its re-examination and further recommendations.

Central Legislation on Medical Admissions

1147. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal in 2003 for a Central legislation on admission to medical colleges in different States, in the light of the Supreme Court's 11 judges Judgement in TMA Pai Foundation case;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the decision, if any, taken in the matter; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. In view of the Supreme Court judgement in the *T.M.A Pai case*

alongwith judgement in the case of *P. A. Inamdar vs. State of Maharashtra,* and requests received from several sources including Government of Maharashtra, the Central Government, after considering the issue in detail, has drafted "The Private Medical Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fee) Bill, 2005" for regulating admission process & fee structure by private Institute. It has been circulated among the States for their comments.

Paralysis due to insulin

1148. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Insulin provided by the Indian subsidiary of a US company has allegedly led to paralysis and subsequent death of a diabetic patient in Agra; and

(b) what action has been taken against the foreign manufacturer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to the Superintendent of Police, CBI/SIC one personal compaint has been registered in Agra on the order of Hon'ble High Court of the Judicature at Allahabad alleging development of paralysis and nausea to his father due to adverse effect of "Huminsulin" 30/70. No other complaint from any consumer or State Drugs Regulatory Authorities about any complication due to administration of Insulin of same batch of "Huminsulin" has been received.

The matter is under investigation of CBI and is also subjudice in the Allahabad High Court.

Shortage of doctors and medicines in CGHS dispensary, Hari Nagar

1149. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is regular shortage of doctors and medicines in CGHS Dispensary, Hari Nagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the medicines prescribed by medical specialist for local purchase are not being indented by the said dispensary;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to augment the strength of doctors, ensure availability